

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: §  
Wolfgang STELZENMULLER §  
Serial No.: Not assigned §  
Filing Date: Herewith §  
Title: EMERGENCY SUPPORT FOR STABILIZING §  
INDIVIDUAL LIMBS OR BODY PARTS §

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claims 1-17 and add new claims 18-20 as follows:

--18. Emergency support comprising a solid structure which is formed by a shell of a vehicle seat or by a plate which is connected to the shell of a vehicle seat or which is integrated into it, wherein the shell of the vehicle seat or the plate which is connected to it is provided with slits through which the belts of a safety belt system installed permanently in the vehicle are guided, the belts on their part of the seat or of the plate facing away from the user being provided with fittings which make it possible to fix the ends of the belt on the motor vehicle seat or the plate or to connect them to one another.

19. Emergency support as claimed in claim 18, wherein the vehicle seat in the cases in which it is used as a whole as the solid structure of the rescue system can be attached to the motor vehicle floor by means of quick-action closures and thus can be released without using tools.

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20. Emergency support as claimed in claim 19, wherein to rescue the vehicle seat there is a lifting frame which has a block with a tackle line which is guided via the block and on which the vehicle seat is suspended in its entirety.--.

**REMARKS**

The amendment to the claims has been made to place the application in better condition for examination. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions, he is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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